

Brigham Town Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – 7:00 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Brigham Town Board was held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the meeting room of the Barneveld-Brigham Municipal Building located at 407 Business ID in Barneveld Wisconsin.

The meeting was called to order by Town Chair Jason Carden at 7:00 PM. In attendance (besides Chair Carden) were: Town Supervisor Jeff Zander, Town Supervisor Kyle Thompson, Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Rue and Town Residents: Mary Davis, Jerry Davis, Greg Hilden, Selena Fox, Steve Thoni, Kevin Clougherty, Dennis Carpenter, Jeff Billerbeck, Mike Straubhaar, Steve & Brenda Trainor, Duane Elfering, Denise Hummel and Joe Karls.

The Public Notice was approved on motion by Supervisor Zander, seconded by Supervisor Thompson and Carried.

The May 8th meeting minutes were approved as amended by Supervisor Thompson, Seconded by Supervisor Zander and Carried.

The May 10th meeting minutes were approved on motion by Supervisor Zander, seconded by Supervisor Thompson and Carried.

The May 17th meeting minutes were approved on motion by Supervisor Zander, seconded by Supervisor Thompson and Carried.

Chair Carden asked for **Public Comment**. There was none.

Renewal of Class B Beer and Class B Winery License for Botham Vineyards on motion by Supervisor Thompson. Seconded by Supervisor Zander and Carried.

Renewal of Operator's Licenses for Botham Vineyards on motion by Supervisor Zander. Seconded by Supervisor Thompson and Carried.

Renewal of Class B Beer and Class B Liquor License for Deer Valley Golf Course on motion by Supervisor Thompson. Seconded by Supervisor Zander and Carried.

Renewal of Operator's Licenses for Deer Valley Golf Course on motion by Supervisor Zander Seconded by Supervisor Thompson and Carried.

There were no new Operator's Licenses.

Renewal of Clerk/Treasurer Contract (3 years) On motion by Supervisor Thompson, seconded by Supervisor Zander; a 3-year contract was offered to Audrey Rue, expiring April, 2020. Motion carried unanimously. The Board and Audrey signed the contract.

Broadband Grant Letter (to MHTC) for Grant Application: A letter of support for the Broadband Expansion grant application was approved on motion by Supervisor Zander, seconded by Supervisor Thompson and carried. Iowa County and MHTC will be writing this grant.

The application of Mike Straubhaar - new driveway to new dairy building off East Brigham Road: Motion by Supervisor Zander to approve Mike Straubhaar's application, seconded by Supervisor Thompson and Carried Unanimously.

The application of William Trainor for a rezone of 7 acres from A1 to AR1 to merge acreage on to Steven Trainor's property and to allow for increased # of cattle (double). Motion made by Supervisor Zander to approve application, seconded by Supervisor Thompson.

Chair Carden noted that the easement would have to be 66'. If it's only 50', then it should be owned by Bill Trainor. Chair Carden will also talk with Larry Schmidt and Scott Godfrey regarding this. Motion carried unanimously

The application of Joe Karls for a rezone from A1 to RB1 on a 13 acre parcel which includes farm buildings. Also application for a Conditional Use Permit for: Wedding Venue and Day Business Meetings, Air BNB rentals, up to 8 horses and up to 20 chickens.

Plan Commission Chair Steve Thoni noted that B&B's are mentioned in the Town Comprehensive Plan and that a wedding barn fits the rural character. Thoni also added that the Plan Commission had approved this application.

There was discussion on the parking lot. Karls noted that will be installed and it will be gravel at this time. There will be no parking along the road; it will not be allowed. Any time there is an event, there will be "No Parking" signs posted along Mounds Park Road.

The wedding venue will hold up to 325 people. It was estimated this would be about 150 cars.

A motion was made by Supervisor Thompson to approve a conditional use of: A wedding venue for up to 325 people, approval for day meetings and retreats, and a vacation rental, up to 8 horses and up to 20 chickens. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Zander and Carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Supervisor Thompson to approve the rezone from A1 to RB1. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Zander. Motion carried unanimously.

ATC Update and possible appointment of information liaison: Chair Carden reported that he had met with an ATC rep. They indicated the two route options have been further narrowed and they will be working on a proposal to PSC. Most of the route through Brigham is immediately south of the highway except by the Thomas barn where it may jump the highway. The northern route includes going north of Barneveld along Roberts Road in the Town of Arena. It was noted the application is still not into the Public Service Commission, so the approval is at least 2 to 2 ½ years out. Expected in service date is in 2023.

It was agreed that Frank Sandner will serve as an information liaison between ATC and the Town Board. Sandner will not represent the Town, but simply bring information back to the town if necessary. Mr. Sandner will let Audrey know if he needs to be on a Town Board agenda.

Village of Ridgeway EMS Contract/Town of Ridgeway EMS Contract and Barneveld-Brigham Rescue District Updated Contract. It was noted the contract had been changed because the annual payment is now based on population not .10/1000 of equalized value. Motion by Supervisor Zander to sign the contract. Motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Motion Carried unanimously.

Comprehensive Plan Update: Public Participation Plan – Resolution: Chair Carden explained that this was necessary if the Comprehensive Plan is to be changed at all. The purpose is to spell out a plan and to encourage public participation. Motion made by Supervisor Zander to table. Motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Motion Carried.

Appointment of members to Ad Hoc Committees to review Comprehensive Plan Section 5: Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources and Section 8: Land Use. Discuss expectations of the review process.

Chair Carden shared what he sees as the committee tasks. A timeframe of 4 months will be given to each committee with monthly updates to the Board expected.

Appointed to the Ad Hoc Committees were:

LAND USE: Tami Bowser was appointed as Chair. Members include: Tony Kirch, Jim Massey, Judy Pincus, Mike Straubhaar, Scott Gaffney and Dennis Carpenter.

AGRICULTURAL: Duane Elfering was appointed as Chair. Members include: Jerry Zander, Doug Reeson, David Hageman, Mary Davis, Nancy Meyers and Reid Formo.

These members were approved on motion by Supervisor Zander, seconded by Supervisor Thompson and Carried unanimously.

Report on Economic Development Program – Jeff Zander (Town Rep) gave an update on this committee. He noted they discussed Gap loans which are basically short-fallings for a person who needs money. It was discussed that an example might be someone increasing their dairy herd. Their next meeting is Monday, June 26, 2017.

Vouchers were approved for payment on motion by Supervisor Zander, seconded by Supervisor Thompson and Carried.

Next Agenda: Mary Davis asked that the Board discuss “invasive species” She gave the Board a news article about the Town of Vermont tackling invasive species and noted Brigham should do the same thing.

Adjournment: Motion made by Supervisor Zander to adjourn at 9:32 PM. Motion seconded by Supervisor Thompson. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer